



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced a few scattered showers last week but the majority of the State experienced below average precipitation with above average temperatures last week. Wheat harvest was in full swing last week as weather conditions were hot, windy and dry. Reports of grasshopper and fly infestations have increased. Range conditions continue to deteriorate across much of the State due to limited moisture. Farmers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 37 | 42 | 21 | 0 |
| Last Week | 34 | 41 | 25 | 0 |
| Last Year | 13 | 19 | 66 | 2 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 38 | 41 | 21 | 0 |
| Last Week | 30 | 40 | 30 | 0 |
| Last Year | 15 | 22 | 60 | 3 |

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest has begun with 8 percent harvested at week's end. Harvest is about two weeks ahead of average for this time of year. The crop progressed to 96 percent turning color and 40 percent ripe. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 40 percent headed with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 37 percent headed at week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The corn crop was rated in mostly good condition. The onion crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Summer potatoes were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Fall potato emergence increased to 92 percent complete and the crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in good condition. Sorghum progress increased to 88 percent planted, 16 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop was 21 percent emerged, 11 percentage points behind the 5-year average and the crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Dry bean progress increased to 76 percent planted with 42 percent emerged. Sunflower planting reached 74 percent complete by the end of the week with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 17, 2012

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | | | | | |
| This Week | 3 | 7 | 25 | 62 | 3 |
| Last Year | 0 | 2 | 23 | 67 | 8 |
| Spring Barley | | | | | |
| This Week | 0 | 2 | 32 | 51 | 15 |
| Last Year | 0 | 2 | 48 | 43 | 7 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 1 | 3 | 39 | 48 | 9 |
| Last Year | 0 | 3 | 45 | 45 | 7 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 7 | 24 | 36 | 29 | 4 |
| Last Year | 9 | 15 | 37 | 34 | 5 |

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland continued to decline due to the combination of high winds and limited moisture. It is rated mostly very poor to fair condition across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest reached 81 percent of the 1st cutting complete. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 17, 2012

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2012 | 18 | 40 | 30 | 12 | 0 |
| Prev. Year - 2011 | 16 | 22 | 22 | 32 | 8 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 10 | 12 | 26 | 41 | 11 |

Livestock: The condition of livestock remains in mostly good condition. Some producers are relocating or reducing livestock due to the poor condition of pastureland. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated average to short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 17, 2012

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 1 st Cutting | 81 | 67 | 59 | 61 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Planted | 76 | 67 | 91 | 78 |
| Emerged | 42 | 27 | 34 | 34 |
| Fall Potatoes | | | | |
| Emerged | 92 | 70 | 59 | 64 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted | 88 | 77 | 62 | 72 |
| Emerged | 21 | 9 | 22 | 32 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Headed | 40 | 22 | 22 | 21 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Headed | 37 | 14 | 11 | 15 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Planted | 74 | 60 | 64 | 74 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Headed | 99 | 99 | 97 | 98 |
| Turning Color | 96 | 82 | 31 | 40 |
| Ripe | 40 | 7 | 2 | 8 |
| Harvested | 8 | - | - | - |

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 7 | 13 | 33 | 38 | 9 |
| Dry Onions | 1 | 18 | 22 | 49 | 10 |
| Fall Potatoes | 0 | 0 | 34 | 54 | 12 |
| Livestock | 0 | 4 | 29 | 65 | 2 |
| Sorghum | 3 | 10 | 52 | 35 | 0 |
| Sugarbeets | 0 | 8 | 25 | 57 | 10 |
| Summer Potatoes | 5 | 13 | 40 | 36 | 6 |
| Sunflowers | 3 | 5 | 51 | 40 | 1 |

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.